

IN MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS

Report of the State Board of Education.

GAIN BEING MADE IN ATTENDANCE

Professional Training of Teachers and Assurance of General High School Instruction Are Insisted On.

The annual report of the State Board of Education of Massachusetts, recently submitted to the legislature, furnishes many instructive facts regarding popular education in one of the foremost states of the Union.

The number of children enrolled in the public schools of 1894-95 is 412,553, an increase of 11,984 for the year.

The number of children returned as coming within the compulsory age limits, 8 and 14 years, is 255,182.

Under the head of "Should all teachers be normal school graduates?" the report says: "To establish a requirement which would limit the teaching force of the state to graduates of normal schools would be an injustice to graduates of colleges and academies, and to those individuals who have a genius for teaching."

An ambitious young man, desirous of securing election to a position in the schools of Nebraska city, attached the following proposition to his application:

"In politics, less there might be some mistakes in the schools regarding—I am decidedly for Cleveland and consider myself highly honored in the fact that he in his inauguration proclamation emphasized several points which had before this suggested in a letter to him."

The graduating exercises of the training school will be postponed for a week, instead of occurring on Saturday, 5, and 6, as planned.

The pupils in the High school who were marked 90 per cent or over in daily work were exempted from examinations. In this and thus it may be considered for the board at no distant time to be well further the expediency of a year's course, directed from some central station, by which college graduates can be admitted to grammar and high schools for practice work.

Dr. Winslow, who is to lecture to the Omaha teachers next Saturday, is a man of national reputation as a platform speaker. For years he has edited the New England Journal of Education. During the past year he has gathered a school man has considered it a program complete without an address from him.

Beginning classes in the first grade will be formed in the morning at 8 o'clock. Children will be admitted to the beginners' class in the first grade during the two weeks beginning today.

The school atmosphere is heavily freighted with the examination fumes. There are clouds of questions and swarms of answers still visible on the horizon, while the moans of the "demoted" and huzzas of those who named the right answer are heard on every side.

General Educational Notes. Columbia college had 1,943 students enrolled for 1895.

Since her foundation, Yale has graduated 16,000 men, Harvard 19,255, and Princeton 8,733.

Daniel Gordon of Knox, Me., has been teaching school for sixty-seven years, and is still harness and working hard.

President Cleveland has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the 150th anniversary of the founding of Princeton college.

The increase of colleges in America during the last 100 years has been marvelous. Before the breaking out of the revolutionary war nine were in existence, and the total number is now 417.

Retrenchment was the cry of the Chicago Board of Education last fall. The enormous annual increase in school expenses called out protests which had little effect until the taxpayers raised a mighty howl against the estimates for 1896, amounting to nearly \$10,000,000.

A committee of the board decided on a sweeping cut in salaries, ranging from 5 to 10 per cent. When the report was first presented in December the board was a unit in its favor, but the action was deferred until last week. Then it was brought out and discussed and buried by a whooping majority. Salaries remain at the old standard, while for children in towns of high valuation but less than 4,000 inhabitants this larger right either does not exist or is exceedingly cloudy.

An increase in the appropriations for the educational museum and the state examination and certification of teachers, so that competent directorship had the under the general guidance of the office may be possible.

Value of University Education. Goodwin Smith writes in the New York Sun: "Shall a boy be sent to the university? The answer to this question has in the majority of cases been greatly simplified by the change in the character of the universities from places of general culture to schools of practical instruction and preparation for professional life."

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REV. DR. CHAPIN'S FAREWELL

She Takes Leave of the First Universalist Church.

BEST WISHES FOR CONGREGATION

Will Probably Be Succeeded by Rev. Amos Crum of Webster City—Will Take a European Trip.

Rev. Dr. Augusta J. Chapin preached her last sermon in this city yesterday morning at the First Universalist church before almost the entire congregation of the church as well as a number of visitors.

The pastor has resigned and will spend some time in travel abroad. She will soon leave Omaha with the best wishes of all who have come in contact with her during her two years' residence and work in this city.

After the sermon the pastor announced that she would take the opportunity of speaking a few words of farewell preparatory to her European journey. She said that she should be gone an indefinite period, perhaps a year, maybe several. Although she was reluctant to leave the church, she thought that it was best for her to go.

The special work which I came here to engage in is now finished, said Dr. Chapin, "and you are now ready for a pastor who shall come to remain permanently with you. I should have liked to remain here until June, but I fear my health and strength would not bear with the until then. During the past two years' stay in Omaha I have caught something of the spirit of western life, and I must say that I have enjoyed it very much. Omaha has a great future before it, its prospects, in my mind, being more brilliant than those of any other city in the entire west. The present climate is a great blessing which now hangs over your city will soon pass away, and I hope and believe that when I come again to see you I shall find you to be striving and prospering."

"The work of the two years that you have been together has been done under great difficulties. The most creditable of you is that you have held out. You had two years of quiet though effective Christian endeavor. You have prospered and I hope your success may be granted to you in the future."

"I shall not be present at the installation of the new pastor, so I shall take this opportunity of saying a few words to you at this time. I want to urge you to help the new pastor. I do not mean to help him as regards the salary, but to be friendly with him, invite him to your homes and welcome him heartily. Help the new minister in the best motto any parish could have. Keep the pastor and sister. There is no reason why he should not stay in Omaha ten years. Success will come in a day. There have a pastor who shall grow up with the members and know every member of the congregation intimately is a grand thing."

"I part with you with regret, and yet with great hope for the future. I believe that you will hold the fort as in the past and prosper abundantly. The members of the church are to be congratulated on the conclusion of the sermon that Rev. Amos Crum of Webster City, Ia., had been recommended for the vacant position of pastor of this church. He will preach here February 2nd. Dr. Chapin spoke highly of the man that is likely to succeed her as minister here, and asked that the members receive him heartily and work with him zealously should he be selected to fill the vacancy."

DANKER YATES AS PREACHER

Value of a Single Standard in the Realm of Morals.

"The Standard of Value" was discoursed upon by Henry W. Yates at the services of the Young Men's Christian association yesterday afternoon. The topic, a financial one upon its surface, was handled from the standpoint of a banker more a man of business.

He developed the fact that there was much need of a single standard in character as in money. In fact, Mr. Yates' address consisted of the tracing of an analogy between the two.

The early part of the speaker's remarks was devoted to a sketch of the history of money from the times of heavy-eyed monarchs to the present, when the system is based on the single standard of gold. Value first arose and then the search for a material for money was begun. It was necessary to find something that had in itself an intrinsic value, and gold was finally chosen. This standard being adopted any fluctuation was bound to disappear.

Incidentally Mr. Yates referred to the present money agitation. He stated that even when the gold standard was adopted the gold letter was the single standard by which the United States could not make itself nor the money market. The standard might be made such by international agreement it would take considerable time.

From this point Mr. Yates drew his analogy. He stated that the business of every individual to measure his character by some standard, upon which everything in his home and civil life must depend. It must be a sound standard, continuing stable at all times, a divergence meaning disaster. This standard was to be found in the character of Christ, which he had adopted after every other standard set up by the philosophers of the ancient world had been in some way found unstable.

Mr. Yates held that the standard of Christ was the standard of the world had been inculcated benefited. It was said that the church had degenerated, but the speaker claimed that at no time had it been so powerful as it was at present, in every branch. The Catholic church, while it had lost its temporal power and its domain, exerted more spiritual power than at any time in its history. In the same manner the other churches had grown and there was not the slightest danger that they would be lowered.

It was urged that the same standard was required by individuals. It was a most difficult or business which is distinguished between the spurious and the genuine, as in coins, but when the test was applied the spurious would be found to be of no value. The speaker said that while business men did not have much time to devote to spiritual problems they appreciated the work of Christ, and would be sure to finally approve of it.

Rev. Dr. Byles followed Mr. Yates with a few remarks in the same strain. He urged that in the pursuit for a better character should not be overlooked so that when later life arrived the standard of Christ might remain as pre-eminent as it is at present.

The services were made by the usual musical program. The orchestra furnished an excellent accompaniment for the singing. A couple of solos were sung.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Wang opened an engagement at the Boyd last evening to a fair sized audience, much better in fact than the usual Sunday evening crowd. The piece itself has been seen too often to need comment. It is a comedy song installed it as a favorite on the stage, a position which it has never lost. The presentation this season is fully up to the standard of other years. The costumes are rich and the stage settings are effective, the whole having an air of freshness which is refreshing, particularly in pieces which have had the run of several seasons. The cast is much the same as that which appeared here last season. There is no change in the leading roles. It is worth a visit to see the new company, which is well balanced one, and the favorite songs were generously applauded. The number of the troupe is about 15, and the performance, which was not grudging in its applause throughout the performance.

A very enjoyable variety performance, not by any means the best ever seen in Omaha, but far from being the worst, is given by the "Trio" at the Grand opera house. Two very large audiences filled the house yesterday, and gave every indication of being well pleased with the performance. The two clever little mites called the Rossow brothers are the chief attraction, and their turn would make the show a good one even were there no other performers. They are so little that their strong relative, who is a giant in size, comes on bringing one standing on each shoulder. They are full of strength and agility and engage in a three-round glove fight which connoisseurs present these two professions. The Rossow brothers are a pair of young girls who dance, and Pulgura, a quick change artist. Horace W. F. Benner, a baritone, sings sentimental songs which are well received. The troupe includes Thomas J. Ryan, an old favorite, does the accustomed Irish act, and Mary Richfield, who is associated with him in the troupe. Ford and Francis, the former the author of "Paradise Alley" and other popular songs, the latter a skillful dancer, are the other attractions. "The Trio," as well as in their specialties, and Clayton and Jenkins introduced a trained donkey, which added to the amusement and hilarity. Tom Mack apparently caught on with an audience, which it must be confessed, was not hard to please.

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SOUTH OMAHA NEWS

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Mr. Magie City Goslop.

E. S. Parslow of Columbus was the guest yesterday of Frank Taylor.

Mrs. Schrock's bright did Saturday. It is expected that the remains will be sent to Iowa for interment.

John Gorman died at an Omaha hospital yesterday. Funeral Tuesday morning. Services will be held at St. Mary's interment at St. Mary's cemetery.

John Reddy and John Murphy, arrested Saturday evening for stealing a couple of namby-pamby's, have been released on bail pending a hearing tomorrow.

"Sergeant" Daly was arrested yesterday for being drunk and disorderly. He was trying to be born of Indian Hill. He succeeded fairly well until Officer Deets came along and hauled him off to jail.

Sam Piper, aged 12 years, has been arrested upon a larceny warrant sworn to by N. Graft, Twenty-ninth and Q streets. Graft alleges that Piper stole a stove from his place on the corner of Twenty-ninth and Q streets. The city council will meet this evening. The ordinance regulating the rates to be charged by the water works company is in the hands of the committee. It is expected that the committee will report on the ordinance this evening.